(d) whether it is also a fact that applications from Export Houses, Trading Houses and Star Trading Houses are being given a special treatment; and

(e) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) The liberalised process introduced by Government has resulted in the quicker disposal of the advance licence applications. It is estimated that the fresh liberalisation introduced will result into increase in the number of licences and the values thereof.

(b) The number of applications that have been received by almost all the ports and the Headquarters of CCI&E are 1037.

(c) As against the above mentioned applications, 527 have been acceppending on account of deficient inforted, 168 are rejected and 342 are mation/documents, low value addition and non-fulfilment of the eligibility criteria.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.

**Development of Beach Tourism in Maharashtra**

*199. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to encourage beach tourism both for domestic as well as foreign tourists;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Maharashtra has 720 kms. of coast line where 32 locations have been identified for beach tourism;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Maharashtra beach have been completely omitted in the National Action Plan for tourism which has been announced; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Central Government is considering to identify a travel circuit in the Konkan region of Maharashtra for intensive development which would include beaches in that region.

**Commercial pilots in airlines**

*200. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the break up of Indian commercial pilots in the Indian Airlines Vayudoot and the Air India, separately;

(b) how many of them are ladies;

(c) how many commercial pilots are unemployed in the country and how many out of those are ladies;

(d) whether it is a fact that there are many retired pilots who are working as commercial pilots, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government would make appointment of qualified lady commercial pilots because there are very few lady commercial pilots in service?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha. (*See below*).

(c) No such information is maintained.